Plot to kill military observe

3815. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian arms has uncovered the plot of Pakistan's ISI about the killing of the personnel of UN military observers team deployed for India and Pakistan during their visit to Pak-occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) There is no authentic report with the Government regarding any plot on the part of Pakistan's ISI for killing the personnel of UN military observers team. However, in their deliberate effort to blame the Indian troops, Pakistan troops resort to firing during the visit of UNMOGIP observers to the areas near the Line of Control, from carefully selected positions giving semblance of the fire coming from the Indian side. Pakistani troops take advantage of the configuration of Line-of Control and mountainous terrain covered with thick jungles, which makes it difficult to ascertain the direction of fire accurately discerned. In so far as our troops are concerned, they have been given clear-cut directions not to retaliate or open fire during the scheduled visits of UNMOGIP observers even though there might be provocations from the Pakistani side.

Steps to counter the Naval power of Pakistan

3816. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the naval upgradation by Pak by acquiring modern systems and arsenal relegating the Indian Navy's striking power and posing a serious threat to the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have critically analysed the threat to the country from the aggressors from the Indian ocean; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to maintain a sizeable balance in the Indian Navy's striking power to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant observation by Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time, to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is also re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.

Demarcation of boundary line with Srilanka

3817. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindu, dated 1st February, 1995 attributed to the DIG Commander, East Coast Guard region;

(b) if so, whether the Coast Guard has taken steps to demarcate the international boundary line with Srilanka and inform the Indian fishermen not to cross that line for fishing; and

(c) what are the details of anti-social organisations indulging in illegal arms trading and fomenting trouble in India as mentioned by the Commander in that news report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The International boundary line with Srilanka has already been demarcated. Advising fishermen not to cross the IBL is primarily the responsibility of the State Government which has been requested to take the measures necessary